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REVIEW OF EIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON PETROLEUM:

7. Discussion: [REDACTED] Executive Secretary of the Petroleum Subcommittee, reported that the Subcommittee meets on a bimonthly basis and functions actively in its role of reviewing, coordinating, and furthering economic intelligence research in the field of petroleum. It also provides a valuable medium for the exchange of ideas and information of mutual interest to the members of the intelligence community. The activities of the Subcommittee for Fiscal Year 1959 have included: support to the USIB Committee on Exchanges in petroleum and liquified natural gas; preparation of surveys of priority research deficiencies, preparation of surveys of priority collection deficiencies, review of research projects, production of coordinated intelligence reports (Sino-Soviet Bloc Military Consumption of Petroleum Products) and production of agreed basic statistics for 1958. These activities will be continued in the next fiscal year, and it is anticipated that the program of review of substantive papers will be given broader coverage for Fiscal Year 1960, particularly with respect to China.

8. Action: The Chairman noted that the Petroleum Subcommittee is one of the more active within the EIC. The State Department member of the EIC, Mrs. Whitnack, stated that in surveying the users in the Department of State, she had found that the work of the Petroleum Subcommittee was considered the most valuable of any of the subcommittees and that she had been asked to compliment the Subcommittee for its work.

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EIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON PETROLEUM

Chairman: 25X1A9a
Executive Secretary: [REDACTED] CIA
Agencies on SC: State, Army, Navy, Air Force,
NSA, CIA, Interior, ICA

I. Activities during FY 1959 (met 5 times)

- A - Research and Collection Deficiencies -- Reviewed Research Deficiencies and also 5 ORGI's in their field.
- B - Reviewed formally one CIA/ORR paper and informally discussed another CIA paper, 1 Army paper, and 1 joint paper by OCDM, Commerce, Defense, Interior, and State.
- C - Maintained agreed basic statistics series
- D - Responded to requests of USIB Committee on Exchanges for evaluations and information with respect to proposed exchanges in fields of liquified natural gas.

III. Program for FY 1960

- A - Revision of Priority Deficiencies in Research and prepare statements of Deficiencies in Collection.
- B - Continue review of substantive papers, development of agreed basic statistics, and publish working paper of Sino-Soviet Bloc Military Consumption of Petroleum Products for 1958 - 1959.

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work of this
Committee among
the most valuable.*

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